



STATE MINING & GEOLOGY BOARD
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
STATE OF CALIFORNIA



CONFORMED MINUTES

THE STATE MINING AND GEOLOGY BOARD

Held a Regular Business Meeting on:

**Thursday, February 9, 2006
Pomona, California**

AGENDA

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Individuals are responsible for presenting their own projects at the meeting.

[NOTE: Times are approximate. The chairman may alter the hearing start time or agenda item order during the meeting]

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call and Declaration of a Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M., roll was called, and with seven members present, a quorum was declared. (Member Hablitzel absent)

III. Director's Report

Director Bridgett Luther reported on activities in the Department of Conservation that affect the Board:

- The proposed Budget for 2006/2007 does not adversely affect the California Geological Survey, the Office of Mine Reclamation, or the Board. Budget issues for the Department's Williamson Act programs and the Division of Recycling have been questioned by the Legislative Analyst's Office, though.
- The Governor's Appointment's Secretary Liaison, Alice Dowden, is working on this Board's appointments, and because she previously worked for this Board, it is high on her priority list. Ms. Luther acknowledged this pursuit as one of her priorities as well.
- The introduction of new legislative bills is facing a February 24th deadline. The Department has legislative proposals under consideration, but the necessary approval to move the proposals into the legislative arena has yet been received.
- SB 668, Senator Kuehl's two-year bill, is in its second year, so action is expected in the current legislative session.
- AB 1561 (Umberg), on the subject of authority of an appointing power to terminate an appointment to a board or commission under certain conditions, will likely focus on absenteeism.

Office of Mine Reclamation Report

Douglas Craig, Chief of the Office of Mine Reclamation, reported on activities in the Office of Mine Reclamation that concern the Board:

- Staffing updates including the loss of two engineering geologists that will impact the continued planning of OMR's SMARA workshops and the conclusion of the Santa Clara County investigation.
- 20 people, 13 of whom were from Imperial County, attended the initial Lead Agency SMARA workshops/presentation in the El Centro area.
- The next Lead Agency workshop/presentation will next be in San Diego in March and will be followed by six more throughout 2006.
- Santa Clara County has submitted to OMR all inspection reports for that county. An initial review indicates areas of concern and OMR will work with the County to reinspect and address the concerns before any enforcement actions are considered. An update report with recommendations with action options the Board can consider is planned for the future.
- Information being compiled on the financial assurance status of all mines on the AB 3098 list.
- The establishment of the annual mine fees need to be addressed by the Board at a future meeting
- The establishment of a new and regular review of lead agency performance will extend the in-house technical expertise to lead agencies.
- The estimation of 6-8 weeks to recruit essential staff needed to assist with the Santa Clara County investigation and the OMR workshops

State Geologist's Report

John Parrish, Ph.D., State Geologist, reported on activities at the California Geological Survey that affect the Board:



- The 100-year anniversary of the 1906 earthquake is being observed in San Francisco during the week of April 17, and all are invited to attend the proceedings.
- An opportunity for Board members to participate in seismic tour of the Golden Gate Bridge, which will include viewing seismic instrumentation installed on the bridge, will be available on May 10, 2006.
- June 2 is VIP Day at the USGS Open House in Menlo Park. The festivities include the recognition of the California Geological Survey partnership with the US Geological Survey.

IV. Chairman's Report

Chairman Allen Jones extended recognition of Service for William D. Cunningham, Deputy Attorney General. Mr. Cunningham was acknowledged and thanked for his many years of consistent service and knowledge of both state and SMARA laws. It was noted that while Mr. Cunningham was stepping down as the Board's primary counsel, he would continue to serve behind Deborah Wordham.

V. Executive Officer's Report

Executive Officer Stephen Testa updated the activities of the Board office and included:

- The status of annual mine inspections (six of which are reported later in the meeting)
- Notice of Violations (Somerset Sand Mine in El Dorado County)
- Complaint investigations (one in the City of Rocklin)
- Progress on the recruitment of the Board's mine inspector
- Appeals (Vulcan Materials vs. City of Claremont Designation Appeal, and Hanson Aggregates Reclamation Plan Appeal, City of Chula Vista)
- CEQA studies (Western Aggregates in Yuba County)
- Revised Reclamation Plan Reviews (Baldwin Hallwood Plant, Dantoni Pit, and Sperbeck Quarry all located in Yuba County). It was noted that an amended reclamation plan was anticipated in the near future for the Diamond Quarry in El Dorado County.
- Reclamation Plan Review for the new Ostrom Road Quarry in Yuba County
- Ordinances: Yolo County's In-stream Mining Ordinance, City of Pacifica, and the City of Richmond are all expected to submit ordinances for state certification in the near future.
- Proposed field trips for 2006 to include a tour of the Department of Conservation, its Office of Mine Reclamation and the California Geological Survey; the aforementioned seismic tour of the Golden Gate Bridge, and a possible landslide tour in southern California.

Chairman Jones stated a preference to have the Board assist moving the Hanson Aggregates matter in Chula Vista forward as a priority project.

Chairman Jones noted the helpful listing of SMARA administrative actions provided by Executive Officer Testa, and asked that a 'next steps' column be added to the listing.



VI. Ex-Parte Communication Disclosure [Information]

[Board Members will identify any discussions they may have had requiring disclosure pursuant to Public Resources Code Sections 663.1 and 663.2]

Board Member Robert Tepel announced being approached by Richard DeAtley at the Board's January meeting in San Jose. Mr. DeAtley invited Mr. Tepel to visit the site of the Lexington Quarry, and also took issue with Mr. Tepel's characterization of some of the work in producing 'manufactured soils' for purposes of reclamation. Mr. Tepel stated he stands by the use of that term pending further investigations of the Lexington Quarry project.

Board Member Erin Garner announced that Mr. DeAtley approached him as well, with similar issues, at the same meeting. He also announced a discussion with Santa Clara County Water District Director Rosemary Kamai, where she passed along her commendations to this board for looking into the Santa Clara County mining situation.

VII. Good of the Meeting [Information]

[This time is scheduled to provide the public with an opportunity to address non-agenda items. Those wishing to speak should do so at this time. All persons wishing to address the SMGB should fill out a speaker card and present it to the Secretary so that the Chair can determine the number of persons who wish to speak. Speakers are limited to three minutes except by special consent of the Chairman]

Scott Castro of Jeffer, Mangles, Butler, and Marmaro announced he was representing Western Aggregates and offered to be available for questions following the annual mine inspection report later in the meeting.

Board Member Seena Hoose announced she had been invited to speak at the Centennial Observation of the San Francisco Earthquake of 1906.

VIII. Consent Items [Action]

[All the items appearing under this section will be acted upon by the SMGB by one motion and without discussion; however, any Board member wishing to discuss a particular item may request the Chairman to remove the item from the Consent Calendar and consider it separately under Continued Business or New Business]

1. Approval of Minutes, January 12, 2006, Regular Business Meeting.

Mr. Garner moved to approve the Minutes. Board Member Richard Ramirez seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

IX. Continued Business Items [Action]

[These business items have been continued from a previous meeting/hearing]

- 2. Continued Consideration of an Administrative Penalty to the Bottoms Family Trust (Operators), Mr. Richard Norris (Representative) for Pacifica Quarry (CA ID #91-07-0007), City of Pacifica, for Failure to Provide a Financial Assurance Instrument in the Amount of \$1,319,476.**



Mr. Testa summarized the circumstances of this item and added his opinion that the operator substantially met the obligation for providing a financial assurance. He then outlined the issues preventing the Board's acceptance of the mechanism.

Jim Reuben, representative of the current responsible party, addressed the Board and offered some processes to adjust the mechanism to an acceptable state.

Mr. Cunningham asserted that some or all of the processes suggested by Mr. Reuben may be applied to resolve the acceptance issues of the financial assurance mechanism, and that further research will follow.

Discussion focused on the Bottoms Family Trust missing the deadline imposed in January, the frustration with them in their disregard of this enforcement action, and while it was agreed it was time to move forward, statements were made by certain Board Members there would be no leniency on any of their other operations.

Mr. Garner moved to approve the analysis, findings, and recommendations in the Executive Officer's Report on this issue, and issue the Administrative Penalty in the amount of \$50,000 immediately, and defer the implementation of any remaining Administrative Penalty for a later meeting. Mr. Ramirez seconded, and the motion carried by a majority 6-1 vote.

3. Adoption of Resolution 2006-01 Approving a Closure and Reclamation Plan for Blue Point Clark Quarry Mine (CA ID #91-58-0015), Yuba County.

Mr. Testa summarized the circumstances and history of this action item and described the findings of the CEQA study that has been completed. Mine operator Brian Bisnett spoke to outline the changes made from the last presentation to the Board.

Mr. Tepel voiced concern that he would prefer to see a transmittal letter from the party taking full responsibility for the project, but acknowledged it would not hold up his support for this approval. He moved to adopt Resolution 2006-01 approving the Closure and Reclamation Plan for the Blue Point Rock Quarry. Ms. Hoose seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

4. Adoption of Resolution 2006-02 Approving a Closure and Reclamation Plan for Blue Point Mine (CA Mine ID #91-58-0021), Yuba County.

Mr. Testa summarized the circumstances and history of this action item and described the findings of the CEQA study that has been completed, and stated this was a joint project with the Blue Point Rock Quarry as considered above. Mine operator Brian Bisnett spoke to outline the changes made from the last presentation to the Board. He also thanked the Board, Board staff, and the staff of OMR for the help in bringing this project through the approval process. Mr. Tepel moved to adopt Resolution 2006-02 Approving a Closure and Reclamation Plan for the Blue Point Mine. Mr. Ramirez seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.



5. Issuance of an Order to Comply for the Simpson Lane property, Yuba County, for Failure to Obtain an Approved Reclamation Plan, Financial Assurance, and County Permit Prior to Conducting Surface Mining Activities, in Violation of the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act.

Chairman Jones announced this item has been removed from the day's Agenda, and it was explained that the item would appear at the next meeting.

X. New Business [Action]

6. Consideration of Special Report 191, Mineral Land Classification of National Quarries' Twin Oaks Valley Road Site, San Marcos, San Diego County, California, for Construction Aggregate Resources

Executive Officer Testa summarized the petition process and defined this specific project, its commodity to be extracted, and its consideration by the State Geologist. He verified that the State Geologist concluded the study, and was presenting its findings for consideration.

When asked, Mr. Testa clarified how the costs of the petition study are managed. When asked, Dr. Parrish clarified how the Survey verifies the validity of reports submitted by the petitioner, defined the chain of custody, and described how field checks and core samples support the findings.

Mr. Isham moved to accept Special Report 191 and transmit the approved report to the affected lead agencies. Mr. Garner seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

XI. Special Reports and Department Presentations [Information]

[Based on these Reports, the Chair may instruct the SMGB staff to initiate administrative actions]

6. Discussion of Update of Board's Strategic Plan.

Chairman Jones stated a preference to defer discussion to the March meeting. Executive Officer Testa summarized the actions from the previous day's committee meeting. He reviewed three of the six original goals, and will compile a list of agencies with which the Board could communicate technical information. Mr. Testa stated he would revise the first portion of the Strategic Plan to reflect the committee discussions when it considered the final three goals at a future meeting.

7. Inspection reports prepared pursuant to PRC 2774(b) for the following mine operations will be presented for SMGB acceptance as being in accordance with the SMGB's requirements, and for possible action.

- o Western Aggregates (CA ID #91-58-0001), Yuba County
- o Baldwin Hallwood (CA ID #91-58-0002), Yuba County
- o Cal Sierra (CA ID #91-58-0003), Yuba County
- o Teichert Hallwood (CA ID #91-58-0007), Yuba County



- o Teichert's Yuba-Hoffman Facility (CA Mine ID #91-58-0019), Yuba County
- o Eureka Slate Mine (CA ID #91-09-0007), El Dorado County

Mr. Testa presented the six inspection reports, with applicable corrective measures and violations noted.

Discussion focused on a commendation for Teichert Aggregates' successful revegetation efforts at its two sites in Yuba County. Adam Harper of the California Mining Association stated the public acknowledgement of such a project was welcomed, and suggested a more formal acknowledgement through the Bureau of Land Management's Hard Rock Awards would be most advantageous. Ms. Hoose added that such positive examples should be acknowledged and used in the upcoming OMR workshops. It was also suggested by Mr. Testa that the Board develop revegetation guidelines to help other operators reach a similar level of proficiency.

With respect to the Eureka Slate Quarry, Mr. Testa described compliance efforts, but stated the reclamation work is not yet complete, and all agreed to look for ways to motivate this operator to comply as well as means to recover inspection costs. When asked if placing a nuisance abatement, lien, or filing a legal notice for future title searches, on this property would be a suitable mechanism, Mr. Cunningham stated he would research the possibility if those authorities exist for the Board within SMARA.

Mr. Griego moved to receive the reports as being properly prepared.
Mr. Isham seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

XII. SMGB Committee Reports [Information]

XIII. Executive Session (Closed to the Public) [Possible Action]

[The Board will discuss information from its legal counsel on pending litigation and may take appropriate actions based on this information. This session is being held under Government Code §11126]. Items to be discussed:

- a). Brunius vs. SMGB, Case # PC 20010449, El Dorado County Superior Court
- b). Koponen v. SMGB et al., Case #04CS00696, Sacramento Superior Court
- c). Brunius vs. SMGB, Case #C047380, Third Appellate District Court
- d). Tankersley, et al. vs. SMGB, (# Unknown), Third Appellate District Court
- e). An un-named case where there is potentially significant exposure to litigation against the Board.

Reopen Regular Business Session, Announce Results of Executive Session

Mr. Cunningham reported that while pending litigation cases were discussed, no actions were taken during the Executive Session. He also stated that Ms. Wordham announced a



possible conflict of interest stemming from her prior private practice but that alternative representation would be provided if needed.

XIV. Announcements of Future Meetings

Chairman Jones announced March 9, 2006, as the next meeting and that it would be conducted in Sacramento.

XV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

NOTES

A. GENERAL STATEMENT

The Board's general authority is granted under the Public Resources Code, which requires all Board members to "represent the general public interest". Board membership consists of nine individuals appointed by the Governor, and confirmed by the Senate. Each member serves for four years in staggered terms, and each must have a demonstrated specialty in either geology, seismology, mining engineering, hydrogeology, the environment, mineral resources, landscape architecture, or government.

The Board has specific responsibilities under the following acts:

Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Act -- Under this Act, the Board is authorized to represent the State's interests in establishing professional practice guidelines and standards for geological investigations and reports produced by the California Geological Survey, public sector agencies, and private practitioners, and to develop specific criteria through regulations that shall be used by affected local jurisdictions in complying with the provisions of the Act so as to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public.

This Act (Public Resources Code, Chapter 7.5, §2621 through §2630) is intended to provide policies and criteria to assist cities, counties and state agencies in the exercise of their responsibilities to prohibit the location of developments and structures for human occupancy across the trace of active faults as defined by the Board. Further, it is the intent of this Act to provide the citizens of the State with increased safety and to minimize the loss of life during and immediately following earthquakes by facilitating seismic retrofitting to strengthen buildings, including historical buildings, against ground shaking.

Seismic Hazards Mapping Act -- Under this Act, the Board is authorized to provide policy and guidance through regulations for a statewide seismic hazard mapping and technical advisory program to assist cities, counties, and state agencies in fulfilling their responsibilities for protecting the public health and safety from the effects of strong ground shaking, liquefaction or other ground failure, landslides and other seismic hazards caused by earthquakes, including tsunami and seiche threats.

The Seismic Hazards Mapping Act (Public Resources Code Chapter 7.8, §2690 through §2699.6) establishes the authority to provide programs to identify and map seismic hazard zones in the State in order for cities and counties to adequately prepare the safety element of their general plans and to encourage land use management policies and regulations to reduce and mitigate those hazards so as to protect public health and safety.

Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975 -- The extraction of minerals in a responsible manner is essential to the continued economic well-being of the State and to the needs of society, and the



thoughtful reclamation of mined lands is necessary to prevent or minimize adverse effects on the environment and to protect the public health and safety.

Under various statutes, the Board is authorized to represent the State's interests in the development, utilization, and conservation of the State's mineral resources, the reclamation of mined lands, and Federal matters pertaining to surface mining within the State.

The Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975 (SMARA, Public Resources Code §2710 through §2797) provides a comprehensive surface mining and reclamation policy with the regulation of surface mining operations to assure that adverse environmental impacts are minimized and mined lands are reclaimed to a usable condition. SMARA, also, encourages the production, conservation, and protection of the State's mineral resources. (Public Resources §2207 provides for the annual reporting requirements of this statute, under which the Board also is granted authority and obligations).

B. HEARING PROCEDURES

Regulations governing the hearing procedures of the State Mining and Geology Board can be found under Articles 4, 5, 7, 11.5, 12, and 14, of Title 14, Division 2, Chapter 8, Subchapter 1, of the California Code of Regulations. These procedures can be accessed at the SMGB internet web site at: <http://www.consrv.ca.gov/smgb/>

Unless otherwise specified in the public notice for a specific item, the SMGB wishes to limit oral presentations from all parties to three (3) minutes or less per individual depending on time constraints. Interested persons should submit to the SMGB office at 801 K Street, Sacramento, California, 95814, twelve (12) written copies of all comments, technical reports, and other material concerning any matters on the Agenda at least fifteen (15) days prior to the hearing date. This written material will be provided to the SMGB along with the full agenda materials. In addition, persons submitting written comments and other materials should be present at the SMGB meeting and be available for questions.

Oral comments that are duplicative of written comments should be limited to a summary of the previously submitted written materials. The SMGB reserves the right to refuse to accept any late-submitted written materials, absent a proper showing that information is available which was not available at the time the written materials were submitted.

(1) Hearings Pursuant to 14 CCR 3675 et seq., 3650 et seq., and 3680 et seq.:

Testimony and comments presented at hearings need not conform to the technical rules of evidence provided that the testimony and comments are reasonably relevant to the issues before the SMGB. Testimony or comments that are not reasonably relevant, or that are repetitious, may be excluded by the SMGB. Cross-examination may be allowed by the SMGB Chair as necessary for the SMGB to evaluate credibility of factual evidence or the opinions of experts. Video taped testimony by witnesses who are not present at the hearing will not be accepted unless such testimony was subject to cross-examination by all designated parties¹.

During the hearing, participants will be determined to be either "designated parties" or other "interested persons." Only designated parties may seek permission from the SMGB Chair to cross-examine witnesses. Interested persons may not cross-examine witnesses, but may ask the SMGB to clarify testimony. Designated parties automatically include the SMGB and any person

¹ This does not preclude the use of videotape to present graphic images, provided that the person who took the videotape is available for questioning and the presentation conforms to time limits imposed on all speakers; this is intended to apply to spoken testimony of witnesses who are not available for cross-examination at the hearing.

² Closing statements shall be for the purpose of summarization and rebuttal, and are not to be used to introduce new evidence or testimony, or to restate direct testimony.



to whom an Order is directed. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons.

For any hearing, the SMGB Chair will allocate time for each party to present testimony and comments and to question other parties if appropriate. Interested parties generally will be allowed three (3) minutes for their comments. Where speakers can be grouped by affiliation or interest, such groups will be asked to select a spokesperson. The SMGB Chair may allocate additional time for rebuttal or for a closing statement. Time may be limited because of the number of persons wishing to speak on an item, or the number of items on the SMGB's Agenda, or for other reasons.

All persons testifying must state their name, address, and affiliation. The order of testimony for hearings generally will be as follows, unless modified by the SMGB Chair:

- Identification of the Record
- Statements on behalf of the Petitioner / Appellant
- Statements on behalf of the Lead Agency or the Director
- Statements on behalf of the Public
- Rebuttal and closing statements on behalf of the Petitioner / Appellant
- Rebuttal and closing statements on behalf of the Director
- Motion to Close the Public Hearing
- Deliberation and voting by the SMGB, including SMGB examination of parties.

After considering evidence, testimony, and comments, the SMGB may choose to adopt, modify, or deny an order regarding a proposed agenda item. All SMGB files, exhibits, and Agenda material pertaining to the items on the Agenda are made a part of the record. Persons wishing to introduce item exhibits (i.e. maps, charts, photographs) must leave them with the SMGB Secretary and must provide sufficient copies for distribution to the SMGB, designated parties, and interested persons.

C. HEARING RECORD

Material presented to the SMGB as part of testimony that is to be made part of the record must be left with the SMGB. This includes photographs, slides, charts, diagrams, written testimony, etc. All SMGB files pertaining to the items on this Agenda are hereby made a part of the record submitted to the SMGB by its staff for consideration prior to action on related items.

D. PROCEDURAL INFORMATION

A Closed Session may be called by the Chair to discuss litigation and other privileged attorney-client communications by authority of Government Code §11126(e)(1) and Sacramento Newspaper Guild v. Sacramento County board of Supervisors [1968] 266(b)CAL.APP.2nd.41; basis of "litigation" exception is the attorney-client privilege.

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A quorum of the members of the SMGB may recess for lunch; however, no business will be discussed except to the extent of Closed Sessions as announced at the meeting.

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each item on which you intent to speak, and present it to the SMGB Secretary prior to the item being heard by the SMGB.

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G. ACCESSIBILITY

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I. PROFESSIONAL REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS

Professional reports, documents, calculations, plans, specifications, maps, cross sections, boring or trench logs, and diagrams, hereafter collectively referred to as documents, which must, under applicable law, regulation, or code, be prepared by or under the supervision of licensed professionals will not be accepted or considered by the State Mining and Geology Board unless at least one copy of the document bears an original signature, stamp impression or seal, and date affixed by the author in accordance with applicable law and regulation. Unless otherwise directed or agreed in advance, all professionally prepared documents included in Board, or Board committee, meeting packages or presented to the Board in a meeting are to be in final form and must be signed, stamped or sealed, and dated in accordance with applicable law and regulation.

